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An Estimate relating to Gleaning.

Co. Camb. } 800 Acres of all sorts of Grain, produced to 40 families, gleaning }
Par. G-R. } fairly and unexceptionably, viz. half a Bushel per acre } 400 Bushels
1787.

400 Bushels, at the Average of 4s. a Bushel—is _____ 80l.

Perhaps, with the Straw and Chaff, and a little higher Average, as a very Sensible Miller and Farmer there said; the whole of the Gleanings might be worth 100l.

The County } Contains in it 163 Parishes—Take away 13 for Towns without much
of Camb. } Gleaning Land—Say there are 150 Parishes, with 1000 Acres of Gleanable
Land in each, every year—as 2 Shifts, or third parts are in first and second
Crop every harvest—

150 Parishes at 1000 Acres amount to _____ 150,000 Acres

150,000 Acres—at half a Bushel per Acre yield _____ 75,000 Bush.

75,000 Bushels at 4 Shillings per Bushel come to _____ 15,000l.

The Counties } Are reckoned at 52—Let only 20 be called Corn Counties, and
of England } equal to Co. Camb. for the purpose of this calculation.

20 Counties at } 75,000 Bushels produce _____ 1,500,000 Bush.
} 15,000l. amount to _____ 300,000l.

Should all this quantity of Grain be given up, to Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Fowls, Birds, and Rain?

Should so much of it, as would be used for human Food, be lost to the Kingdom in general?

Is it Parochial, is it national Policy, to deprive the Poor of so much Sustenance (of their own procuring,) or of so much money, as it would raise them for necessaries—even without any consideration of the duties of Religion and Charity?

By Appeal to the Lords from the Judgement of Com. Pleas, 11 June 1788, it is probable, they would allow the ancient necessary Custom of Gleaning, and get an act to restrain, by punishments, the known abuses and enormities of the present practice.

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